

## The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) anticipates purchasing the services listed below as a sole source purchase.

The services to be purchased are from Managed Medical Review Organization, Inc. The services are for Clinical Claim Management Services, Medical Board Review Services, and Medical Assessment Services.

1. Description of the services that the agency is seeking to procure.

PERS is seeking a vendor that can handle the entire Disability Retirement process which includes Clinical Claim Management Services, Medical Board Review Services, and Medical Assessment Services with access to a variety of medical professionals in specialized fields.

2. Explanation of why the service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency.

Disability Retirement in PERS is based on specific processes, statutes, policies and regulations that must be adhered to. MMRO has the capabilities to follow the required processes while following all laws, statutes, policies and regulations.

3. Explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required service.

After an extensive search, we found no other company that offers this complete Disability Retirement Processing service of Case Management and Medical Board Review Services.

4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the service is reasonable.

After extensive research for the service and vendor, as well as fee discussions with that vendor, we believe the amount to be expended for the service is reasonable.

5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the service.

PERS searched for vendors that could provide the desired services but was unsuccessful in finding another vendor that could provide the services.

6. Procedures for any person or entity that objects and proposes that the service published on the procurement portal is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity.

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the service is not a sole source and can be provided by another person or entity shall submit a written notice to:

Greg Jacobs, Chief Fiscal Officer

[GJacobs@PERS.MS.GOV](mailto:GJacobs@PERS.MS.GOV)

Subject line must read "Sole Source Objection"

The notice shall contain a detailed explanation of why the service is not a sole source procurement. Appropriate documentation shall also be submitted if applicable.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, PERS determines that the service in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then PERS will withdraw the sole source publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

If PERS determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required service, then PERS will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. PERS will have the burden of proving that the service is only provided by (1) source.